

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	SHAMBLEN, et al.	:	Confirmation No.: 7593
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Application No.:	10/814,896	:	Group Art Unit: 1742
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Filed:	March 31, 2004	:	Examiner: W. ZHU
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For: MELTLESS PREPARATION OF MARTENSITIC STEEL ARTICLES HAVING
THERMOPHYSICALLY MELT INCOMPATIBLE ALLOYING ELEMENTS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

Please consider the following Response for the above-referenced Application.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2006.

The **Amendments to the Specification**: None.

The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this Response and any amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims included therein.

The **Amendments to the Drawings**: None.

The **Remarks/Arguments** section begins on page 9 of this Response.

The **Conclusion** section begins on page 29 of this Response.